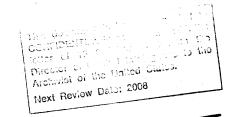
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> 1. In the expectation that the state of siege will be lifted shortly after the and of the present session of Congress on 19 December 1946, the Central Executive Committee of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) is making preparations for a nation-wide census of farmuprkers. On completing the census, the Party hopes to organize a Mational Farm Congress to be held in Viota in May 1949. Victor J. Merchan, Marco Tulio Bolanos, and Jose Cardona Hoyos were appointed to visit the rain agricultural centers of the country to discuss the proposed Congress and a tentative program with farm leaders.

- The program drawn up calls for the following:
  - Land for poor farmers;
  - Long-term credit at low interest rates;
  - c. Froit maranteed by the Government to buy tools and seeds at cost;
  - Construction and improvement of roads through farm areas;
  - Establishment of rural schools in form areas.
- 3. The Committee was instructed to organize youth and women's cormittees and farm leagues to cooperate with labor unions in nearby towns in carrying out the program. Because of the traditional conservation of the farm nonulation, the new movement will be described as one of national liberation, avoiding any reference to Communist support. The Committee was advised, however, to investigate the political tendencies of the more influential farmors, and where advisable, to attempt to enlist them in the PCC.
- 4. The farm campaign will cost approximately 5,000 pesos, which will be collected from Party militants and sympathizers through the sale of "Tarm Bonds" during Describer and January. Saution will be used in selling the bonds, since a large number have already been confiscated by the Tational Police.



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